

# ELLICOTTVILLE



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# GREAT NEWS!

The 2023-24 school year is just around the corner and the District has been busy planning and gearing up for a successful year! Teachers have been engaged in curriculum review, analyzing assessment results and attending workshops to gain new knowledge. The maintenance/cleaning crew has been super busy cleaning the

building, sealing floors and making sure classrooms are ready. Mrs. Williams and cafeteria staff are ready to prepare tasty and healthy meals, while our fleet of busses is ready to roll thanks to Mr. Lovell and his drivers. Administration and office staff throughout the building have been working to ensure all the final details are in place to open. We are ready and we are looking forward to seeing the smiling faces of students as they return to school on Wednesday, September 6th.

As we approach the beginning of school, be on the look-out for invitations to various activities at the school. Several different grade levels offer some form of orientation for students and parents prior to school starting to diminish confusion / questions on the first day of school. MS/HS student athletes should also be watching for information regarding the start of sports for items such as sports physicals (if they still need one), break-out meetings and game schedules. Within this newsletter, you will find an application for free and reduced meals at the school. I strongly encourage every family to apply for this valuable benefit. This information is not only crucial so that we can provide nutritious meals to students that need them, the statistics from free and reduced meals is also often used when applying for state and federal funding, as well as various grants.

We will once again be using pick-up patrol to assist with parents being able to sign students in late, out early or to report an absence. Please look for the separate article in this newsletter for more detailed information. Speaking of apps, we will also continue to use the Blackboard Mass Communication App to notify everyone of important information, emergency closings, etc. Again, please look for the separate article in this newsletter for information on how to download and use this app.

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We strongly encourage families to fill out and return a free and reduced meal application at the beginning of the school year and anytime that a household's income is diminished. Doing so ensures that all students have access to nutritious meals. If you have questions about this application or how to complete one, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Vicky Williams, Cafeteria Manager (716-699-2316 ext. 1403). All calls and information will be held in strict confidence.

The ECS Code of Conduct, Academic Eligibility Regulations, Teacher Email Addresses and other information is available on our website.

## SCHOOL STARTS FOR STUDENTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
Elementary: 6:00-7:00 pm  
MS/HS: 7:00-8:00 pm

ELEMENTARY & MS/HS PICTURE DAY: Monday, October 2nd



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As we head into this school year, one area of concern that we have identified where we need the help of parents is making sure we have accurate student information on file. Often times phone numbers change, a family may move within the District boundaries, or emergency contacts may need to be updated. It is crucial that we have accurate information in the event of an emergency. When minutes count, we need to know that we are calling the right person at the right number, releasing the student to a trusted emergency contact or taking the student to the correct

drop-off location. This information is needed prior to an emergency taking place, and in September, we will be reaching out to all families to review and update applicable information. But, you do not have to wait. If you know this information has changed, please send a note in to the school office with your child, call the applicable office, etc.

I'm excited to get the school year started, but also want everyone to enjoy that last couple of weeks of the summer. Use the time to rest, relax, have fun and re-charge for another exciting and successful year at ECS!

And, please remember that as the nights grow cooler, back to school sales are advertised all over, and fall sports practices resume, we are ready to get the school year started! We are ready to help students work hard to achieve their goals in the classrooms. We are ready to make the 2023-24 a truly GREAT experience for all students!

Best regards,  
Robert Miller, Superintendent

## Wishing Our Recent Retirees, The Very Best!

Thank you for your dedicated service to the Ellicottville Central School District and our students.

*Congratulations on your retirement!*



**Blair Wood**



**Chris Keenan**



**Tina Barrett**

## Ellicottville Central School Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2023-2024

1.	Tuesday, July 11, 2023	6:00 pm	Reorganizational Meeting
2.	Tuesday, July 25, 2023	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
3.	Tuesday, August 8, 2023	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
4.	Tuesday, August 29, 2023	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
5.	Tuesday, September 26, 2023	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
6.	Tuesday, October 17, 2023	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
7.	Tuesday, November 14, 2023	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
8.	Tuesday, December 12, 2023	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
9.	Tuesday, January 9, 2024	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
10.	Tuesday, February 6, 2024	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
11.	Tuesday, March 12, 2024	6:00 pm	Budget Work Session
12.	Tuesday, March 26, 2024	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
13.	Tuesday, April 16, 2024	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting/ BOCES Budget Vote
14.	Tuesday, May 14, 2024	6:00 pm	Budget Hearing
15.	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	8:00 pm	Regular Meeting – Budget Vote
16.	Tuesday, June 18, 2024	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
17.	Tuesday, July 9, 2024	6:00 pm	Reorganizational Meeting

## ● TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

One of the most important things we are charged with at school is the safety of our student body. A number of you drop off or pick-up your children at school either in the morning or in the afternoon. During high volume times the traffic in our driveways becomes a serious point of concern for us. People have been observed making U-turns, three-point turns, and turning off the driveway onto the lawn area. Some have even passed stopped school busses in the loop in front of the school.

**The Board of Education has authorized the following procedures for you to follow when dropping off or picking up children at school. They are listed here for your information and use:**

1. No traffic will be permitted anywhere in front of the school while busses are in the loop.

Mornings 7:45-8:05 am

Afternoons 2:45-3:05 pm

Late Bus 3:50-4:05 pm

**Elementary:** The preferred arrival time for students being driven to school is after 8:05 am. The preferred pick-up time is 3:05-3:10 pm.

**MS/HS:** The preferred arrival time for students being driven to school is 7:45 am. Students must report to the cafeteria.

2. When entering the school for the elementary, please enter the driveway at the North end by the playground and leave by the high school end.
3. When entering to go to the high school, please enter and exit the driveway at the south end near the high school.
4. Arrival: elementary students must be signed in and recorded as late after 8:15 am.
5. Dismissal: Please come in and sign your child out in the office. Children will be waiting inside the school for you. We will not be able to call classrooms for your child if you arrive early for pick-ups.
6. If you **MUST** drop off or pick up a student during times busses are in the loop, please park in one of our lots. No one will be permitted to park in the driveway.
7. **It is against the law** to pass any school bus that is stopped and has its red lights flashing. Yield to busses in the parking lot and driveways.

Please make certain you promptly pick up your child by 4:00 pm from after school activities. Thank you for your cooperation!



## ● BUS SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS

### ***"DON'T LOSE YOUR RIDING PRIVILEGE!"***

1. Be on time for pick ups/drop offs.
2. Do not enter or leave the bus while it is in motion.
3. Always pass in front of the bus, never behind, when loading or unloading from the bus.
4. Occupy the seat assigned by the driver or monitor.
5. Remain seated until the bus has reached your destination.
6. Head or arms must not be extended from the windows.
7. Students will not throw any objects from the bus.
8. Large objects may not be carried on the bus due to D.O.T. regulations.
9. The bus driver and/or the monitor are to be obeyed at all times. Riding the bus is a privilege and drivers have been instructed to report students who do not obey these rules.
10. Drinking, eating, cursing, swearing or loud talking are prohibited.
11. Please refrain from driving your car or parking in the bus circle during the hours of: 7:45 am to 8:05 am and 2:45 pm to 3:05 pm.

## ● LATE BUS

Late buses will run on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 4:00 pm beginning **October 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing until the end of May.** These buses are for students who are involved with homework club, school clubs, review classes, computer lab time, students receiving detention, and some sports teams. There will be a north run (Ellicottville-Mansfield) and a south run (Great Valley-Humphrey area) that will cover most areas of our school district.

# SAFETY MEASURES EXPLAINED

While ECS has a number of procedures to best ensure everyone's safety, we would like to share some important information on what we refer to as "The BIG 4 Emergency Protocols." These four protocols are: Shelter in Place, Lockdown, Lockout, and Evacuation. We cannot share the exact steps we take in each of these protocols, as doing so could compromise them, and ultimately our ability to best protect students. We can, however, provide a brief overview of each protocol so you are better informed.

- **Shelter in Place:** This is considered one of the least intrusive procedures. It is used to secure students safely in classes, and restrict movement in hallways and throughout the building. Examples of when this may be used include: a medical emergency in the building, overt disruption in hallway, or staging for possible transition to **Lockout, Lockdown** or **Evacuation**. A **Shelter in Place** not only secures students, it allows for time to assess a situation without taking too extreme a measure. During a **Shelter in Place** teachers and students may continue normal classroom activities behind closed and locked doors.
- **Lockout:** This is considered a mid-level procedure. It is used when an **actual** or **potential** threat exists from **outside** the school building (Ex. Escaped fugitive, unusual disturbance in the parking lot or road, disgruntled employee or spouse, etc.). During a **Lockout**, all outside activities are cancelled and the exterior doors and windows are closed and locked. Once the building is secure, we may decide to allow normal activities within the school.
- **Evacuation:** This can be considered a mid-level procedure or a high level procedure based on the situation. Evacuating the building when a fire alarm sounds is something we have all learned to do since we were little kids and is a straight forward procedure. When we need to evacuate and relocate to another location due to an imminent threat such as a bomb or chemical threat this is considered a high level procedure. Please know that should we need to evacuate to another location, we will notify parents that we are doing so, but for safety reasons will not announce in advance where we are evacuating to.
- **Lockdown:** *This is considered our highest alert!* A **Lockdown** is used when an actual or imminent threat exists and we need to immediately secure students. Examples of when this may be used include: a trespasser with a weapon is on campus, there is a hostage situation, or there is a riot. In a **lockdown**, students and staff are not only secured behind locked doors, they are to be out of sight and silent.

## Please note that we:

- May employ more than one procedure at a time.
- May transition from one procedure to another.
- Will modify or "flex" a procedure if it is necessary.
- Will make our primary goal and focus the securing of students and staff to best ensure everyone's safety!
- Will notify parents with information when we are able to safely do so.

We strongly suggest that you take a picture of this page with your cell phone so that in the event you hear we are in an emergency procedure or receive such a call, you can quickly reference the terms to know what is taking place. We would further suggest that you keep this page for future reference.

**Please DO NOT call or drive to the school in the event of a Lockout, Evacuation or Lockdown.**

# CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

To report an incident of child abuse or neglect please call the New York State Office of Child and Family Services ("OCFS") at **1-800-342-3720**. You may also use this link [info@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:info@ocfs.ny.gov) to reach the "OCFS" web site

Para reportar un caso de abuso, maltrato, o abandono de un niño, llame La Oficina de Servicios para Niños y Familias del Estado de Nueva York (New York State Office of Child and Family Services "OCFS") al **1-800-342-3720** o visite [info@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:info@ocfs.ny.gov) para la página web de OFCS.

## SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY WEBSITE

The purpose of this site is to provide an overview of the sex offender registration law and how the public can obtain information about sex offenders. The Sex Offender Registration Act, New York's version of Megan's Law, was signed by Governor George E. Pataki in July 1995 and became effective on January 21, 1996. The text of the statute is contained in Correction Law Article 6-C (Section 168 et seq.).

Registered sex offenders in New York are classified by the risk of reoffense. A court determines whether an offender is a level 1 (low risk), 2 (moderate risk) or 3 (high risk). The court also determines whether an offender should be given the designation of a sexual predator, sexually violent offender or predicate sex offender. Sex offenders registered on or after March 11, 2002 register for a minimum of 10 years unless they have been given a designation. If they have been given a designation, they are registered for life.

Level 1 and 2 sex offenders registered prior to March 11, 2002 register for 10 years while level 3 offenders register for life. For more information on sex offenders residing in our district, please visit the following web address: <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us>

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the Ellicottville Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Ellicottville Central School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to all the Ellicottville Central School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples may include:

- Students Name
- Address
- Telephone Listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade Level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

- a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- the annual yearbook;
- honor roll or other recognition lists;
- graduation programs; and
- sports activity sheets, such as for football, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational

agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent. (1)

If you do not want the Ellicottville Central School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 30, 2023. The Ellicottville Central School District has designated the following information as directory information:

*(1) These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.*



Parents,

ECS uses **PickUp Patrol** for parents to report absences, late arrivals and communicate dismissal plan changes. PickUp Patrol saves us a great deal of time here in the office and reduces interruptions in our classrooms—while also providing you with a convenient way to make changes to your student's dismissal plans. Most importantly, it helps us ensure that all our students are safely dismissed to their correct after-school destinations. If you have had problems in the past using this program, please email Mrs. Kosinski at ckosinski@ecsny.org in the Elementary Office with your correct email address and contact information.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

**RETURNING PARENTS: Please enter and confirm your students default plan here:** <https://app.pickuppatrol.net/parents> before the start of the school year, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For a safe dismissal, it's essential that we know your student's regular daily dismissal plans before the first day of school.

**NEW PARENTS: You will receive a registration email** with a link to set up your account. The PUP web app is free for parents, and you can use it from your smartphone or computer. Instructions for how to add the app to your phone are included in the

registration email. Please register and enter your students Default Dismissal Plans before the start of the school year, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **You will need to register before you can enter default plans.**

**How to:** There is a how-to video on our school Facebook page that details how to make the daily changes needed to make the use of this program successful.

Thank you for using PickUp Patrol to make safety a priority and to ensure our dismissal process is efficient for all our students.

If you have any questions, please check the PARENT FAQ page. If you still need help, contact us here in the office at ckosinski@ecsny.org or PickUp Patrol at support@pickuppatrol.net.

# IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

## Staff Qualifications

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers including whether the teacher has State certification for the classes being taught; the teacher's bachelor's degree major and any other certifications or degrees by field or discipline; and whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. Requests for the above information may be directed in writing to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731.

## Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

All parents/guardians will have the right to obtain the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) quality ratings and composite effectiveness scores for their child's teacher(s) and principal(s) once the scores are officially available in accordance with state law. For additional details, please contact Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent, 716-699-2368 (ext. 1301).

## Homeless Student Policy

All programs and services of the district are available to homeless students and unaccompanied youth. Whenever a homeless child or unaccompanied youth seeks to enroll in the district, and at least twice annually, while the child is enrolled, the parent and child will be informed of their rights. Some of these rights include the right to attend the school they previously attended or to attend school in the district of current location, the right to be enrolled even though the admission requirements have not been completed and prior student records are not available, and the right to transportation to and from school.

## Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

The Ellicottville Central School District is committed to ensuring student privacy in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and district policies. To this end and pursuant to U.S. Department of Education (DOE) regulations (Education Law §2-d), the district is providing the following Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

- A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial or marketing purposes.
- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record, including any student data maintained by the Ellicottville Central School District. This right of inspection of records is consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under the more recently adopted regulations (Education Law §2-d), the rights of inspection are extended to include data, meaning parents have the right to inspect or receive copies of any data in their child's educational record. The New York State Education Department (SED) will develop further policies and procedures related to these rights in the future.
- State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- A complete list of all student data elements collected by the state is available for public review in an Excel file at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx>. Parents may also obtain a copy of this list by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12234.

Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731.

- Complaints to SED should be directed to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; the e-mail address is [cpo@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:cpo@mail.nysed.gov).

## Idling Buses on School Grounds

State law requires school districts to take steps to minimize the idling of the engines of school buses and other school vehicles on school grounds. While students are boarding and departing school buses, the engine should be turned off. Students should be instructed about the importance of getting on and off buses in an orderly

and efficient fashion to minimize loading and offloading time. Bus engines should also be off while parked at sporting events and other school activities. Exceptions to this "no idling" policy can be made in cases of emergency, mechanical issues or for necessary heating.

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## DASA Annual Notice

DASA Annual Notice: If you have knowledge or you are a student in our schools who has or is being bullied or harassed on school grounds, on the school bus, or at a school sponsored event, we urge you to contact the following District's Dignity Act Coordinators: Mrs. Tammy Eddy 699-2316 (ext. 1512) and Mr. Dan LaCroix 699-2318 (ext. 1603).

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## Data Breach Security Annual Notice:

The Ellicottville Central School District is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data.

In accordance with Education Law §2-d, the District wishes to inform the school community of the following:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record;
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored and transferred;
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State will be available for public review at a later date; and
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints can be filed with the Superintendent's Office.

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## AHERA Compliance Activities

AHERA is a federal law enacted in 1987 which requires all school districts to re-inspect facilities for asbestos containing building materials.

Our facilities have been inspected and response actions are planned to insure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. Activities include training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos and periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities by trained personnel.

Details of such activities are described in the district's AHERA Management Plan, which is available for your review in the district office.

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, feel free to contact the superintendent.

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## Elementary Parking

Important information regarding car rider drop-off and pick-up:

Please note that if you are dropping off and/or picking up your child during regular school days/hours, parking is only allowed on the right-hand side (sidewalk side) of the road. Please do not double-park on this road way as it needs to be accessible for school and emergency vehicles. Parking on both sides of this road causes significant vehicle congestion and is a safety issue for students who attempt to cross. Overflow parking is available in the lower elementary parking lot. Once busses depart at 8:00 am for arrival & 3:05 pm for dismissal, parents are welcome to pull forward closer to the main entrance to drop off or pick up. Our goal is to have efficient but safe dismissal and arrival procedures. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

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## Pesticide Use Notification

During the school year, it may be necessary for maintenance staff to use pesticides on school grounds to meet pest management goals. Any individual interested in registering to receive a written notification 48 hours prior to pesticide application, please contact Ellicottville Central School. If you have questions about the integrated pest management program or pesticide use, please contact the Maintenance Department at 716-699-2316 (ext. 1404).

## HELP WANTED SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:

The Ellicottville Central School District is currently accepting applications for the following substitute positions: Teachers (both certified and non-certified), School Nurse, Teacher Aides, Cleaners, Bus Drivers and Cafeteria Workers. Interested applicants are invited to apply online at:

**ellicottvillecentral.  
recruitfront.com/  
JobOpportunities**

## Media Consent Form

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Periodically the press or media, including our ECS District Newsletter request to do a feature or news story on an educational or safety topic concerning our school. Usually, they request photographs of our students to accompany these articles for print or broadcast purposes.

Pursuant to the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* signed into law in January 2002, school districts must notify parents of their rights and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information if it is requested.

Please complete the tear off below and return to the elementary or high school office. Forms will be kept on file in the offices. You may request to change your permission status at any time by submitting a revised form. If you have any questions regarding the form or law, please feel free to contact Mr. Erich Ploetz, 6-12 Principal at 716-699-2316 (ext. 1401); Mrs. Katie Mendell, PreK-5 Principal at 716-699-2318 (ext. 1601) or myself at 716-699-2368 (ext. 1301).

Sincerely,



Robert Miller, Superintendent

### ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

(Consent for the Release of Certain Student Information under the *No Child Left Behind Act*)

If you **give permission** for your child to be photographed for press or media print or broadcast purposes, including the monthly district newsletter, you do not need to do anything & consent is implied. Otherwise, please check below one of the options below.

*Please check only ONE Item:*

- I wish to be **contacted on a case-by-case basis** for permission for my child to be photographed for press or media print, broadcast purposes or the monthly district newsletter.
- I **do not** give permission for my child to be photographed for press or media print, broadcast purposes or the monthly district newsletter.

Child's name (please print)

Homeroom teacher

Parent/guardian signature

Date



## Title IX and Section 504

The Ellicottville Central School District in compliance with Title IX of the Educational amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) hereby designates, Mr. Karl Gesing, as the Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator for the Ellicottville Central School District. The Coordinator is responsible for resolving complaints and discrimination based on sex or disability. He is also responsible for handling complaints and grievances regarding discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, age, military status or marital status. Mr. Karl Gesing can be reached at Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731 or by phoning (716) 699-2316 (ext. 1304).

A copy of the Ellicottville Central School District's Administrative Regulation #3232 Student Discrimination Grievance Guidelines is available in the Superintendent's Office, Monday-Friday (8:00 am - 4:00 pm).

## Child Find Notice

Notice is hereby given to all district residents with children between birth and age 21: If your child is disabled or you suspect he/she may be disabled; you may be entitled to special education and related services without cost to you though age 22. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Dahlman, CSE/CPSE Chairperson (716) 699-2318 ext. 1410 to register your child or to obtain further information.

*Notice is in compliance with IDEA "Child Find" requirements Education Law 4402 (1) (a).*

# ECS SCHOOL ENTRANCE WINS DESIGN AWARD



Each year, the National School Public Relations Association recognizes exemplary work in school public relations, marketing, graphic design, video and digital media in their nationwide Communication Awards competition.

The CA BOCES Graphic Design/Print Shop/Digital team was recently recognized in the Publications & Digital Media and Marketing Materials categories in the 2023 competition that included several design pieces from regional school districts - including the entrance at Ellicottville Central School! The design will be featured at the upcoming National School Public Relations Association Conference.

## Mass Communication at ECS

ECS is pleased to announce that the District will continue using the *Blackboard Mass Communication mobile app* designed specifically to keep our families better informed and connected to what's going on in our schools. The ECS mobile app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

The app will deliver real time school news to a smart-device for fast, up-to-date access. The app will feature:

- The latest district and school news
- Push notifications about breaking news, closures, weather, events, and more
- Photos from school events
- Phone numbers and staff information

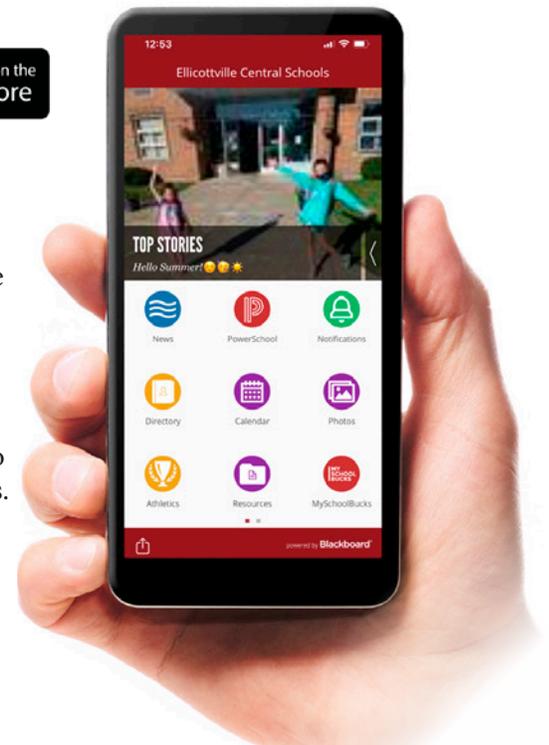
The app is FREE and available for download



1. From a smart-device, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search Ellicottville Central Schools
3. Then select the Ellicottville Central Schools app for free download
4. Start navigating through the app to see what is there. You may see some “incomplete” areas, as we are always updating information in the app.

Please note, while the District will continue to make robo-calls and post emergency information to its website and Facebook page, the app provides even more ways for parents and students to stay connected and informed. One new avenue of communication that this app will provide is the ability to send text messages and e-mails to parents that sign up for these notifications.

If you do not already have the ECS mobile app, it is just a few taps away. Download it today!



**Parents may use “My School Bucks” to place money on their child’s/children’s account(s) with a credit card. Information on how to use “My School Bucks” will be on the District Website and Facebook pages.**

# A LETTER TO PARENTS FOR SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Ellicottville Central School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$2.00**; lunch costs **\$2.80/\$3.00**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge. Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process.**

## 1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?

No. Complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk to apply for free or reduced price meals for all students in your household attending this School Food Authority. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information as indicated on the application and application instructions. **Return the completed application to: Vicky Williams, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Rt 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731,**

## 2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Households with children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
- Children may receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free or reduced price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
- Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

2023-2024 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES					
Total Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,038	\$ 519
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,404	\$ 702
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,769	\$ 885
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,135	\$ 1,068
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,501	\$ 1,251
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,867	\$ 1,434
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,502	\$ 3,232	\$ 1,616
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,598	\$ 1,799
*Each add'l person, add	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366	\$ 183

**3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.

**4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail [school, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator information] to see if they qualify.

**5. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at [phone number] if you have questions.

**6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and carried over for the first 30 operating days of this school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

**7. I GET WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) BENEFITS. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk.

**8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

**9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or who experiences financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

**10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. **You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Robert Miller, 5873 Rt 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731, 716-699-2316x1301, bmiller@ecsny.org.**

**11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.

**12. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people

who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

**13. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

**14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

**15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

**How to Apply:** To get free or reduced price meals for your children, carefully complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk, following the instructions on the form, for your household and **return it to the designated office listed on the application**. All household members and children should be listed on one application.

- If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits or participate in the FDPIR, the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member.
- Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number, if necessary.
- No application is necessary if the household was notified by the School Food Authority that their children have been directly certified based on Assistance Program participation. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.
- If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income for each household member, how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number.
- An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

**Reporting Changes:** The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

**Meal Service to Children with Disabilities:** Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as

one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. **If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.**

**Confidentiality:** The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA. **The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, disability or limited English proficiency.

**If you have other questions or need help, call Vicky Williams at 716-699-2316x 1403).**

**Nondiscrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf> from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

**1.mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

**2.fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

**3.email:**  
program.intake@usda.gov  
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Date Withdrew \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2023-2024 APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS/MILK

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **Vicky Williams @ 716-699-2316ext 1403**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

**Return Completed Applications to:** **Ellicottville Central School**  
**5873 Route 219**  
**Ellicottville, NY 14731**

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4 and sign the application.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you completed step 2)

**All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).**

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

\*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_

I do not have a SS# <input type="checkbox"/>
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\*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more):  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island  White

#### DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

**Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)**  
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

- SNAP/TANF/Foster
- Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_
- Free Meals  Reduced Price Meals  Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Vicky Williams, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: Vicky Williams 716-699-2316 ext 1403. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

### PART 1

#### ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

### PART 2

#### HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household.  
The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

### PART 3

#### ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people **in your household**. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income

was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.

- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) **An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.**

**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

#### USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use

your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

#### DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

#### 2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

#### 3. email:

[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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## FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

**SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number:** This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

**Foster Child:** A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

**Household:** A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

**Adult Family Members:** All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

**Financially Independent:** A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

**Current Gross Income:** Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation

- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

**Income Exclusions:** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Vicky Williams, Cafeteria Manager  
716-699-2316 (ext. 1403)

CLASS OF 2025  
**MUM SALE**

SCAN HERE TO ORDER

**FILL OUT THE ORDER FORM THEN  
SUBMIT PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK  
BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND**

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE TO A MEMBER OF  
THE JUNIOR CLASS OR MAILED TO:  
ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
C/O KRISTIN ROCCO  
5873 ROUTE 219  
ELLCOTTVILLE, NY 14731

**Pick up date: 9/28 @ECS**

## Class of 2025 9" Mum Sale Order Form

Orders are due Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mums will be available for pick up at ECS on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

Color	Amount	X 15.00	Total
Bronze			
Pink			
Red			
Purple			
Yellow			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2023-2024 District Calendar

7/4 SCHOOL CLOSED - Independence Day

9/4 SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor day

9/5 Superintendent's Staff Development Day (no school for students)

9/6 First Day of School for Students

10/6 Superintendent's Staff Development Day (no school for students)

10/9 SCHOOL CLOSED - Columbus Day

11/9 End of 1st Marking Period

11/10 SCHOOL CLOSED - Veterans Day Holiday

11/16 Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students K-12)

11/21 Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students K-12)

11/22-11/26 SCHOOL CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recess

12/23-1/1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess

1/15 SCHOOL CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/22-1/25 Regents Exams

1/25 End of 2nd Marking Period

1/26 Rating Day (no school for students)

2/19 SCHOOL CLOSED - Presidents' Day

2/17-2/25 NO SCHOOL - February Break

3/14 Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students K-12)

3/15 Superintendent's Staff Development Day (no school for students)

3/29-4/8 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

4/19 End of 3rd Marking Period

5/27 SCHOOL CLOSED - Memorial Day

6/4-6/25 Regents Exams

6/19 SCHOOL CLOSED - Juneteenth

6/25 End of Marking Period

6/26 Rating Day (no school for students)

7/4

9/4

9/5

9/6

10/6

10/9

11/9

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11/16

11/21

11/22-11/26

12/23-1/1

1/15

1/22-1/25

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2/17-2/25

3/14

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3/29-4/8

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6/26

September 2023 **19**

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December 2023 **16**

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

March 2024 **20**

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June 2024 **17**

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August 2023

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2023 **18**

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February 2024 **16**

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May 2024 **22**

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July 2023

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October 2023 **21**

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2024 **21**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2024 **16**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**SUPERINTENDENT'S DAYS:** 3 (9/5, 10/6, 3/15)

**RATING DAY(s)** 2 (1/26 and 6/26)

\*\*If one emergency day is used, teachers will not report on Wednesday, June 26, 2024

\*\*If no emergency days are used, teachers will not report on Friday, May 24, 2024

**Approved by the ECS Board of Education - May 16, 2023**

SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (no school for students)  
 SCHOOL CLOSED  
 SCHOOL RECESS  
 END OF MARKING PERIOD  
 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day for students grades K-12)  
 RATING DAY (no school for students)

# ECS 2023 FALL SPORT SCHEDULES

## VARSITY FOOTBALL – Coach Jason Marsh

9/1	@ Salamanca	7:00 pm
9/8	vs. Silver Creek (@ Franklinville)	7:00 pm
9/15	@ Gowanda	7:00 pm
9/22	vs. Wilson (@ ECS)	7:00 pm
9/29	@ Randolph	7:00 pm
10/6	vs. Cattaraugus/Little Valley (@ Franklinville)	7:00 pm
10/14	@ JFK	2:00 pm
10/20	vs. CSP (@ ECS)	7:00 pm

## JV FOOTBALL

### Coach Joe Myers

9/2	@ Wilson	12:00 pm
9/11	vs. Falconer/Cassadaga Valley/Maple Grove (@ECS)	5:00 pm
9/25	vs. Fredonia (@ Franklinville)	5:00 pm
10/2	@ CSP	5:00 pm
10/9	vs. Salamanca (@ ECS)	5:00 pm
10/16	@ Portville/Cuba-Rushford/Hinsdale	5:00 pm
10/23	vs. Lake Shore (@ Franklinville)	5:00 pm

## MODIFIED FOOTBALL

### Coach Cale Benjamin

9/7	vs. Fredonia (@ ECS)	5:00 pm
9/14	vs. Salamanca (@ Franklinville)	5:00 pm
9/21	vs. Portville/Cuba-Rushford/Hinsdale	5:00 pm
9/28	vs. Falconer/Cassadaga Valley/Maple Grove (@ ECS)	5:00 pm
10/5	@ Fredonia	5:00 pm
10/12	@ Clymer/Sherman/Panama (in Clymer)	4:30 pm
10/19	vs. Portville/Cuba-Rushford/Hinsdale (@ Franklinville)	5:00 pm

## BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

### Coach Matt Finn

8/31-9/2	Gator Cup @ Allegany-Limestone	TBD
9/6	vs. Maple Grove	5:00 pm
9/9	vs. Holland	11:00 am
9/12	vs. Portville	4:30 pm
9/14	@ Randolph	5:00 pm
9/18	@ Pioneer	5:00 pm
9/19	vs. Salamanca/Cattaraugus-Little Valley	4:30 pm
9/21	vs. Pine Valley/Gowanda	5:00 pm
9/26	@ Falconer/Cassadaga Valley	5:00 pm
9/28	@ Portville	4:30 pm
10/3	vs. Randolph	4:30 pm
10/5	@ Salamanca/Catt-Little Valley	4:30 pm
10/7	@ Maple Grove	7:00 pm
10/10	@ Pine Valley/Gowanda	5:00 pm
10/11	vs. Falconer/Cassadaga Valley	4:30 pm

## BOYS MODIFIED SOCCER

### Coach Zach Gelen

9/12	vs. Portville	4:30 pm
9/14	@ Randolph	5:00 pm
9/18	vs. Cattaraugus/Little Valley	4:30 pm
9/19	vs. Salamanca	4:30 pm
9/21	vs. Pine Valley/Gowanda	4:30 pm
9/26	@ Falconer/Cassadaga Valley	5:00 pm
9/28	@ Portville	4:30 pm
9/30	@ Cattaraugus/Little Valley	10:00 am
10/3	vs. Randolph	4:30 pm
10/5	@ Salamanca	4:30 pm
10/10	@ Pine Valley/Gowanda	5:00 pm
10/11	vs. Falconer/Cassadaga Valley	4:30 pm

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

### Coach Tammy Eddy

8/31	@ Olean	4:30 pm
9/1	vs. Maple Grove	4:30 pm
9/8	@ Pine Valley/Gowanda	5:00 pm
9/11	@ Portville	5:00 pm
9/13	@ Franklinville	4:30 pm
9/15	@ Salamanca	4:30 pm
9/18	@ Cattaraugus/Little Valley	4:30 pm
9/22	vs. Randolph	4:30 pm
9/25	vs. Pine Valley/Gowanda	5:00 pm
9/27	vs. Portville	4:30 pm
9/29	vs. Franklinville	4:30 pm
10/2	vs. Salamanca	4:30 pm
10/4	vs. Cattaraugus/Little Valley	4:30 pm
10/6	@ Maple Grove	5:00 pm
10/11	@ Randolph	5:00 pm
10/13	vs. Olean	4:30 pm

## GIRLS MODIFIED SOCCER

### Coach Dan LaCroix

9/8	@ Pine Valley/Gowanda	5:00 pm
9/11	@ Portville	5:00 pm
9/13	@ Franklinville	4:30 pm
9/15	vs. Salamanca	4:30 pm
9/18	@ Cattaraugus/Little Valley	4:30 pm
9/22	vs. Randolph	4:30 pm
9/25	vs. Pine Valley/Gowanda	5:00 pm
9/27	vs. Portville	4:30 pm
9/29	vs. Franklinville	4:30 pm
10/2	vs. Salamanca	4:30 pm
10/4	vs. Cattaraugus/Little Valley	4:30 pm
10/6	@ Maple Grove (Scrimmage)	5:00 pm
10/11	@ Randolph	5:00 pm

## GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

**Coach Katie Auge**

9/5	vs. Silver Creek	6:30 pm
9/7	@ Randolph	6:30 pm
9/11	vs. Hinsdale	6:30 pm
9/12	@ Gowanda	6:30 pm
9/14	@ Salamanca (Prospect School)	6:30 pm
9/16	@ Allegany-Limestone	12:30 pm
9/19	vs. North Collins	6:00 pm
9/20	@ West Valley/Franklinville (@ West Valley)	6:30 pm
9/21	@ Pine Valley	6:30 pm
9/26	vs. Cattaraugus/Little Valley	6:30 pm
9/28	@ Silver Creek	6:30 pm
10/2	@ Hinsdale	6:30 pm
10/3	vs. Randolph	6:30 pm
10/5	vs. Gowanda	6:30 pm
10/10	vs. Salamanca	6:30 pm
10/12	vs. West Valley/Franklinville	6:30 pm
10/13	@ North Collins	6:00 pm
10/16	vs. Allegany-Limestone	6:30 pm
10/17	vs. Pine Valley	6:30 pm
10/19	@ Cattaraugus/Little Valley	6:30 pm

## GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

**Coach Danielle Norton**

9/5	vs. Silver Creek	5:00 pm
9/7	@ Randolph	5:00 pm
9/11	vs. Hinsdale	5:00 pm
9/12	@ Gowanda	5:00 pm
9/14	@ Salamanca (Prospect School)	5:00 pm
9/16	@ Allegany-Limestone	11:00 am
9/20	@ West Valley/Franklinville (@ West Valley)	5:00 pm
9/21	@ Pine Valley	5:00 pm
9/26	vs. Cattaraugus/Little Valley	5:00 pm
9/28	@ Silver Creek	5:00 pm
10/2	@ Hinsdale	5:00 pm
10/3	vs. Randolph	5:00 pm
10/5	vs. Gowanda	5:00 pm
10/10	vs. Salamanca	5:00 pm
10/12	vs. West Valley/Franklinville	5:00 pm
10/16	vs. Allegany/Limestone	5:00 pm
10/17	vs. Pine Valley	5:00 pm
10/19	@ Cattaraugus/Little Valley	5:00 pm

## GIRLS MODIFIED VOLLEYBALL

**Coach Andrew Kruszka**

9/19	@ Olean	5:00 pm
9/20	vs. Cattaraugus/Little Valley	5:00 pm
9/22	@ Portville	5:00 pm
9/25	@ Randolph	5:00 pm
9/27	@ Allegany Limestone	5:00 pm
10/2	vs. Olean	5:00 pm
10/4	@ Cattaraugus/Little Valley	5:00 pm
10/6	vs. Portville	5:00 pm
10/11	vs. Salamanca	5:00 pm
10/16	@ Gowanda	5:00 pm

## SWIMMING & DIVING

(with Allegany-Limestone)

9/12	vs. Salamanca @ Allegany-Limestone	5:00 pm
9/14	vs. Frewsburg @ Allegany-Limestone	5:00 pm
9/19	@ Chautauqua Lake	5:00 pm
9/21	@ Panama	5:00 pm
9/26	vs. Southwestern @ Allegany-Limestone	5:00 pm
10/3	vs. Fredonia @ Allegany-Limestone	5:00 pm
10/10	@ Salamanca	5:00 pm
10/12	@ Panama	5:00 pm
10/17	vs. Chautauqua Lake @ Allegany-Limestone	5:00 pm

## CROSS COUNTRY

(with Franklinville)

9/9	Red Dragon Invitational – Bemus Point
9/12	Cattaraugus/Little Valley
9/16	Vernon Verona Sherrill Invitational
9/19	Franklinville
9/23	East Aurora Invitational
9/26	Frewsburg
9/30	McQuaid Invitational
10/7	Allegany Invitational
10/10	Falconer
10/14	Alden Invitational
10/17	Maple Grove
10/20	Sunset Stampede Invitational (Evangola State Park)
10/27	CCAA Championship – Bemus Point

## MODIFIED CROSS COUNTRY

(with Franklinville)

9/12	Cattaraugus-Little Valley
9/19	Franklinville
10/26	Frewsburg
10/10	Falconer
10/17	Maple Grove



Menu subject to change: Notice will be given if possible. All lunches served with choice of vegetable, fruit, and 1% milk or skim chocolate milk. Salads are available daily and may be ordered before 10:00. Choice of assorted cereals, yogurt, or daily menu offered for breakfast. You may prepay for your child's lunch.

# September 2023 Breakfast Menu

Free/Reduced Lunch application can be filled out any time of the year. For more details contact Vicki Williams 699-2316 x1403. **Ellicottville Central School is an Equal Opportunity provider and Employer.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Breakfast K-12 \$2.00 Milk \$1.00 K-12 Extra Breakfast an additional \$2.70			1
4	5 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>	6 Assorted Danish 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	7 Yogurt and Muffin 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	8 Breakfast Pizza 100 % Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit
11 Egg and Hash Brown 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	12 Breakfast on a Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	13 Egg, Sausage & Cheese on Bun 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	14 Toasted Buttered Bagel Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	15 Breakfast Pizza 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit
18 Fruited Yogurt Parfait 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	19 Breakfast on a Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	20 Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	21 ECS Breakfast in a Bowl 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	22 Breakfast Pizza 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit
25 Assorted Fruited Danish Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	26 Breakfast On a Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	27 Egg, Sausage & Cheese on Bun 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	28 Buttered Cinnamon Toast Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	29 Breakfast Pizza 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit

# September 2023 - Lunch

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY			
4	<b>COTTAGE CHEESE FRUIT PLATES WILL BE AVAILABLE</b>	Lunch K-5 \$2.80 Gr. 6-12 \$3.00 Extra Lunch is an Additional: K-5 \$3.40, Gr. 6-12 \$3.70 Milk - \$1.00	5	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>	6	French Bread Pizza Or PB&J Sandwich Tossed Mixed Greens	7	French Toast Or Salami Sandwich Breakfast Sausage Blueberry Topping	8	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Or Turkey Sandwich Baked Tatar Tots Baked Beans	
11	Chicken Nuggets Or Bologna Sandwich Baked Garlic Bread Stick Seasoned Rice Candied Carrots	12	Hot Dog on Bun Or PB&J Sandwich Baked Fries Baked Beans	13	Baked Goulash Or Ham Sandwich Baked Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Green Beans	14	Taco in a Bag Or Turkey Sandwich Fresh Baked Corn Muffin Steamed Corn	15	Beef Stroganoff Or Egg Salad Sandwich Buttered Dinner Roll Steamed Peas	22	Grilled Cheese Or Turkey Sandwich Tomato Soup Steamed Broccoli
18	Meatball Sub Or Ham Sandwich Pasta Salad Fresh Veggies	19	Chicken Patty on Bun Or Bologna Sandwich Alfredo Noodles Candied Carrots	20	Chicken Taco's Or Salami Sandwich Spanish Rice Seasoned Pinto Beans	21	<b>PIZZA SAMPLER</b> Or Egg Salad Cheese Buffalo Chicken Philly Steak Tossed Mixed Greens	29	Chicken Egg Roll in a Bowl Or Ham Sandwich Garlic Bread Stick Teriyaki Broccoli		
25	BBQ Pork on a Bun Or Egg Salad Sandwich Mac Salad Baked Beans Cole Slaw	26	Popeye Chicken on a Bun Or Bologna Sandwich Garlic Pasta Candied Carrots	27	Ham or Turkey Sub Or Salami Sandwich Baked Chips Fresh Veggies	28	Chili Cheese Fries Or Turkey Sandwich Fresh Baked Corn Muffin Steamed Corn				

### Offered Daily with Lunch

- ✓ Fresh Fruit or Prepared Fruit
- ✓ NYS Milk: Non- or Low-Fat White or Chocolate Milk
- ✓ Students must take at least ½ cup fruits or vegetables (and may take 1 cup)



Make half your plate fruits & veggies!



We use NY grown & raised foods whenever possible. Look for "NY" to find these items on the menu.



Our milk & yogurt products are produced in New York State.

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**Friday, October 6, 2023**  
No School for Students • Superintendent's Day

**Monday, October 9, 2023**  
School Closed • Columbus Day

An illustration of three sailing ships with red sails and white hulls, sailing on a dark blue sea. The ships are positioned in the bottom right corner of the block.